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On July 12, 2005, the Board of Patent Appeals returned this application to the examiner to have: (1) the appeal brief fee charged and (2) the examiner initial the examiner's answer per MPEP 707.08. The appeal brief fee was charged, and a properly initialed Examiner's answer was mailed to the Applicant on August 1, 2005. In response to the remailed examiner's answer, the applicants submitted a reply brief that was essentially the same as the reply brief filed on February 9, 2005. Receipt of this second reply brief is acknowledged.

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